

REMARKS

Claims 1-46 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 47 and 49 have been amended without prejudice. Claims 50-64 have been added.

The Office Action stated claims 46-49 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Obra et al. Applicants believe the enclosed amendment renders the rejection moot.

Support for this amendment is clearly found in the application as originally filed. No new matter is presented.

Examination and reconsideration of the application as amended is requested. After amending claims as set forth above, claims 47-61 remain pending in the application and are now believed to be in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

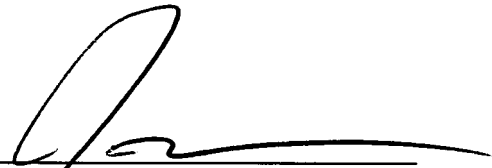
A request for a three (3) month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) has been filed with this amendment.

If the Examiner comes to believe that a telephone conversation may be useful in addressing any remaining open issues in this case, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned agent at 763-391-9867.

Please charge any required fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2546.

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